

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Initially, Applicant would like to express appreciation to the Examiner for the detailed Official Action provided, and for the indication that claims 7-9, 12 and 13 are allowed.

Applicant submits that the instant amendment is proper for entry after final rejection. Applicant notes that by the present amendment, rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10 and 11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and there is no question of new matter or are any new issues raised in entering the instant amendment of the claims, and no new search would be required.

Therefor, Applicant submits that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the instant amendment, consider the merits of the same, and indicate the allowability of the present application and each of the pending claims.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10 and 11 will have been canceled. Claims 7-9, 12 and 13 are currently pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of the claims pending in the present application.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Publication No.

2002-250388 ("JP '388") in view of Korean Patent Publication No. 2002-045110 ("KR '110").

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10 and 11, and in order expedite the allowance of the present application, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, while reserving the right to file a continuation application to cover the subject matter of the canceled claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that independent claims 7 and 9, and dependent claims 8, 12, and 13, are in condition for allowance.

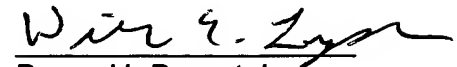
Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims in the present application are clearly patentable over the references cited by the Examiner, either alone or in combination, and an indication to such effect is respectfully requested, in due course.

SUMMARY

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request an indication to that effect. Accordingly, reconsideration of the outstanding Official Action and allowance of the present application and all the claims therein are respectfully requested and is now believed to be appropriate.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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